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Our cover personalities for April are the ever-so-humpy members of the singing group known as Seventh Avenue. Their latest smash hit is "The Love I Lost."

IN MY OPINION

by Mel Dahl



A week or so ago, I sent the Justice Department a writing sample, so that in the extremely unlikely event that I ever apply for work there, they will have one. The sample consisted of a complaint, filed in federal court, listing myself as plaintiff and the current Secretary of the Navy and two naval officers as defendants.

Eight years ago this month, the Navy informed me that I would be processed for involuntary discharge for having stated that I am a homosexual. I was not charged with actually being a homosexual; just with having said I was. There is an important legal distinction. I joined the

Navy after high school, not really knowing what I wanted to do when I grew up, but figuring that a six-year hitch would give me plenty of time to decide.

I remember the interview clearly. I had a top-secret security clearance which needed to be upgraded. After the usual questions about whether I was dating anyone from the Soviet Union and how much pot did I smoke, the interviewer wanted to know if I had any gay friends. Then he wanted to know if any of them had ever sexually propositioned me. Then he wanted to know if I myself was gay. Then he terminated the interview.

I would have handled the interview differently if I had only known then what I know now. The military itself has done studies which show that approximately one-third of the men on active duty have had at least one homosexual experience, so they know there are lots of gay people in uniform. They also know that these gay soldiers and sailors pose no threat to national security or the military mission, at least no more so than certain heterosexual marines guarding what was to have been the new U.S. embassy in Moscow. Nevertheless, there is this regulation on the books, a holdover from World War II, which says that gay people can't serve, and so they have to ask. (My philosophy has always been: If you don't want to know the answer, don't ask the question.) The military simply expects its gay soldiers and sailors to fib.

In September 1981, a discharge board was convened to determine whether (1) I had said that I was homosexual, and (2) If so, whether I had told the truth. The regulation requires further that the truth of the statement be investigated, and I know of one case where the military required somebody who was trying to get out of the service to produce affidavits from his sexual partners. My attorneys and I submitted nearly 1000 pages of evidence that the exclusion of homosexuals does the military no good, and lots of harm. It was ignored, and I was discharged the following January.

The script for the discharge board could have been written by Woody Allen. Unlike a court, there are no rules governing what may be admitted into evidence, and consequently, the kitchen sink is admissible. The Navy's prosecutor (his formal title was "recorder") was not a lawyer, and it showed. When the charge was read, it became apparent that the clerk who put the thing together cited the wrong regulation, and in fact cited a regulation which had been repealed. Facts, particularly dates, were stated incorrectly, and we had to ask for clarification of what specifically I was charged with three times during the proceedings. The best part was testimony by Dr. Jessie Potter. Dr. Potter has a doctorate in human sexuality. She is also a dear, sweet grandmother who looks like she should be in the kitchen baking muffins. This sweet, lovable grandmother lectured the board on male homosexuality, to the great embarrassment of every-

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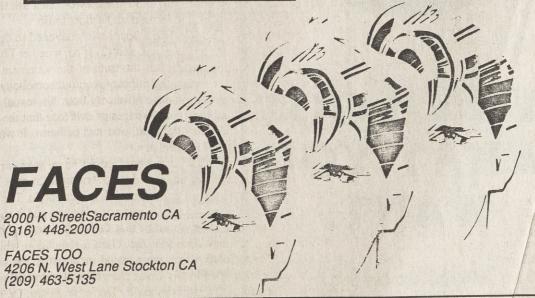
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one except her.

My attorneys spent most of 1983 preparing to file a lawsuit challenging the constitutionality of the military's ban on gay people, and I spent most of 1983 walking across the United States to drum up publicity and funding for my case. I left New York on foot April 30 of that year and toddled across the Golden Gate Bridge the following g December 1. People with extra good memories may recall that I walked in Sacramento, where I now live, on Thanksgiving weekend 1983, a very tired young man, to make a speech or two, talk to the local press, and then continue on to San Francisco. I can't tell you how wonderful California looked.

The first lawsuit was dismissed and the case returned to the Navy for another hearing before the Board for the Correction of Naval Records. The Board has no authority to hold military regulations unconstitutional, or to give relief from them, so it was no surprise when, in March 1986, they upheld my discharge.

Later that year, the United States Supreme Court handed down the infamous <u>Bowers v. Hardwick</u> decision, to be followed the next year by the Gay Olympics case. The two cases together left the distinct impression that the courts were not going to be a good place to take gay-rights stuff, and I spent the next two years wondering whether I ought to pursue my case or not. After all, I would just as soon not provide the government with the opportunity to make even more bad case law.

Then last year the federal courts breathed new life into the concept that one's bedroom is not fair game for government peeping toms. The Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals, in the Watkins case, held the Army's anti-gay regulation unconstitutional, held further that gay people are protected by the Constitution, and held further that discrimination against gay people deserves no more respect from the courts than racial discrimination. In short, I could not have written a better decision myself.

Anyone who is depressed should consider reading the <u>Watkins</u> case. It contains a delightful three pages discussing the question of whether the military's policy against homosexuals does, in fact, discriminate against homosexuals. They came to the conclusion that it does. There is a technical legal reason why they needed to have that discussion, but it still makes pretty funny reading. That case has been appealed by the government, and the Ninth Circuit re-heard oral arguments a couple of months ago.

The statute of limitations expired March 19, and I realized about a month ago that I did not have the luxury of waiting to see how the Army case went. So, I spent the better part of a Saturday drafting a 12-page complaint, and on March 13, with only six days to spare, I filed in federal court in Sacramento. I found another gay Navy veteran, Steve Fitzhenry by name, who was only too happy to be my process server.

My previous attorney has had to withdraw for personal reasons, and so I'm currently representing myself. That may or may not change, depending on what happens in the case. In the meantime, sixteen boxes of Dahl v. Secretary of the Navy have now been delivered to me from my former attorney's office, and they are gracing a wall in my bedroom. The government is due to respond to my complaint no later than May 13, and a preliminary hearing before Judge Schwartz is scheduled for July 28. My bet would be that the July hearing gets rescheduled.

My next column will be about my predictions for the likelihood of success of various items now on the agenda of the gayliberation movement, including discrimination by the military.



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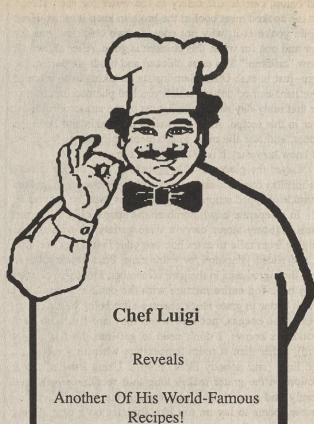
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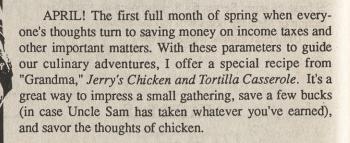
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Jerry's Chicken and Tortilla Casserole

3# chicken meat (1 chicken, or reasonable facsimile)

12 corn tortillas

1 medium onion, chopped

1 can Cream of Chicken soup

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2 cups chicken broth, from cooking chicken

1 can chili without beans

1 can green salsa sauce

1/2# cheddar cheese, grated

1/2# Monterey jack cheese, grated

2 cans black olives, sliced

Depending on your preference, you can use a whole chicken, 4 breasts, 8 thighs, or any combination thereof to your heart's delight (it's <u>your</u> casserole!), to get about 3 pounds of meat, which is enough for any one-night serving. Place large pieces in a pot and cover with water;



simmer about 20-30 minutes until chicken is tender. I like to add onion, carrots and celery to the water for extra flavor. Let the cooked meat cool in the broth to keep it moist. Hint: While you're at it, why not cook up two chickens, one for now and one for when this chicken is gone. After all, we all know "chicken!" The extra chicken and broth are perfect for soup--just in case Uncle Sam insists on taking even more of your hard-earned dollars which you had planned on keeping for that rainy-day sale. Save 2 cups of the strained broth for later in this recipe. After chicken is cool, skin and bone the pieces, and tear the meat into bite-size pieces, tenderly; we all know how easy it is to bruise chicken!

Layer the pieces in a <u>large</u> baking dish or pan. Break the tortillas into bite-size pieces and layer over the chicken. Sprinkle chopped onion and sliced olives over the tortillas.

In a separate bowl, combine the soups, chili, salsa and broth. Grocery stores carry a wide variety of green salsas ranging from mild to extra hot; use your favorite or feel free to add sliced jalapinos for extra zing. Pour entire mixture over the ingredients in the pan; remember, I told you to use a large pan. Top entire mixture with the combined cheese. (I find it better to grate block cheeses after being in the refrigerator (the cheese, not me) when they are firm and hard (goodness knows, I don't need to get into the frig to get hard), rather than at room temperature when they are warm and limp (and nobody likes "limp"). Using the half-moon section on the grater makes long thin sections which melt evenly and seep thoroughly through the casserole; sliced cheese seems to lay on top like shingles on a roof, daring your guests to just try to cut through.

Bake casserole at 350 degrees for about 45 minutes or until the cheeses are bubbling. Garnish with a sprig or two of fresh cilantro. Serves 6 - 8, depending on appetites. A selection of Mexican beers will top the evening.

Until next month: Bon Appetit!

FAUX PAS

by Ed. E. Kett, A.A.

Dear Eddie.

I was recently divorced after five long years, and still, months after the divorce, I've still got a problem. My EX and I know a lot of people in this town, and people are still coming up to me to ask me where my EX is and/or how he's doing. I no longer have any contact with my EX and I resent having to talk about a subject that is painful to me. How do I handle these questions about my EX?

Yours, Albert

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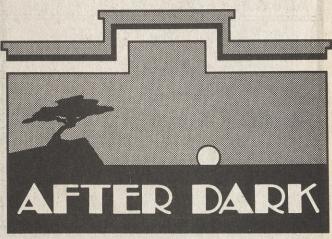
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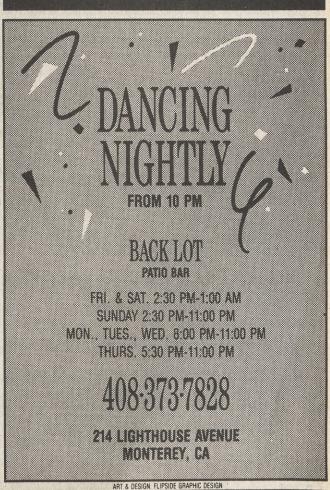
Most of the inquiries about you EX are harmless conversation starters. They're not meant to dreg up unpleasant memories. Who else can your friends go to to find out information about your relationship with your EX if not from you (especially if the person doing the asking has developed an interest in you and wants to know how things stand)? Although it may still be painful for awhile, don't react so violently to these inquiries. Remember-a lover is a lover till he takes a new wife, but an EX is an EX for the rest of your life.

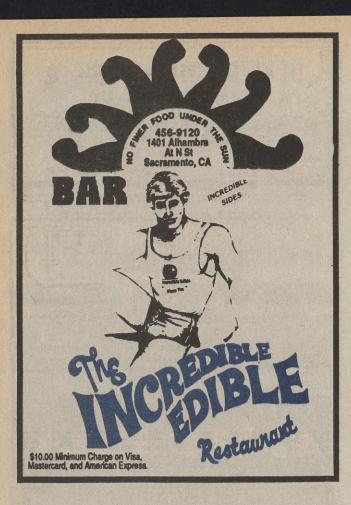
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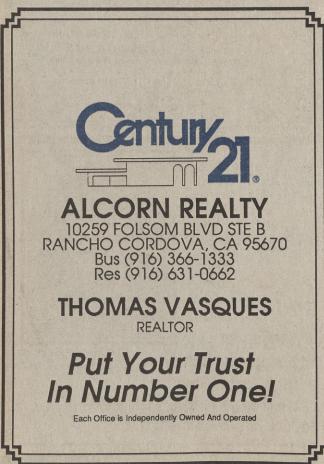
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What are we coming to? Drug addiction is spreading much more rapidly than any drug war can possibly act to stop it--much less turn the tide. What is the problem? Where is the problem? Should you (and I) be concerned about it, or might we better reach for another tranquilizer?

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To me it seems that any addiction springs from a lack of satisfaction--with life in general, with how you look, or feel--or from a feeling of missing out--not having enough, not being fulfilled, gratified; not finding meaning and enjoyment and spontaneous pleasure in life itself.

Eric Hoffer said it all, in my view, when he wrote: "You can never get enough of what you really don't want." And, obviously in becoming addicted to a drug, or to anything, we learn that the addiction locks us in to needing more and more without ever being satisfied.

Dr. Andrew Weil also commented on addiction in a way that might be helpful to us; he said that a person takes a drug and has an experience which he likes. The experience, of course, comes out of his own neural systems; the drug only served to release what was already there. However, the person assumes that the drug is the source of the experience, and he seeks to repeat it by going back to the drug. And, need we add, it never does quite do it again--but he keeps trying, never realizing he is the source of his satisfaction.

There is a third element that we need to consider as well. All of the research and the cumulative experience of those studying addictions point up that the central aspect of addiction is denial. The drug or addiction of choice gets such a hold on the user that he or she completely denies that the addiction is involved in any problems that come up in life. It is not quite the same as lying. Rather, it is a pathological concomitant of addiction. It's the padlock that holds the addiction in place.

What, then, does all of this have to say to us about the increasing problem of addiction? First of all, we should acknowledge that we are all addicts. "Name your poison," as they say. Mine happens to be work. I'm compulsive about writing, about getting things done, about handling things myself without asking for assistance from others. And, I'm addicted, too, also, I suspect, to a need to be loved."What's your poison? Clothes? Cars? Sex? Money? Muscles? Food? Alcohol? Drugs (Including aspirin, by the way)?

A recent book makes the case for the idea that we are a nation of addicts. Everyone of us has some place where we are hooked, and along with that, the denial of that, as well as the conviction that if only we can get enough of [insert the name of your poison] we will be fine. But . . .

WORDS FROM HOME

by Lynda J. Foro

Have you ever noticed how certain words are more comfortable to us than others, and we tend to wear them out, much like an old pair of slippers? If I hear myself saying any variation of "invent the wheel" once more in the next year, even I will scream. Yet in certain times of our lives, particular words and phrases capture just the right meaning, and we speak them repeatedly as events or feelings are shared.

There is a curious phenomenon about new word usage. Use a word three times and it is yours, so the experts say. Wonder if that holds true when you hear a word three times, as in the context of three separate sentences? If so, the individual to whom I spoke recently, telling her that I thought her stage performance was amusing, may be more amused herself when she becomes comfortable with the word "amuse." The look of surprise that followed my attempt to compliment this entertainer made me realize that "amuse" served only to confuse.

All of us have reading vocabularies that exceed our speaking vocabularies. This comes home when I stumble over a word that I know will fit, but when I say it, the word comes out wrong. Usually the listener will graciously overlook my stumbling, or occasionally I get the welcomed correction that allows me to master the word and enjoy its usage in reading and speaking.

When we substitute a diet of nutritious verbal choices for our usual word candy, the results are sweet to everyone's ears. Without giving it much thought, we easily adapt our vocabulary to the company we keep. It's just nice to have the options available, and that comes from having more than one pair of slippers.



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you never get enough? You deny that it is an addiction. And, you keep repeating the act, or the drug, or the accumulation, hoping that eventually it will give you the experience of completion, fulfillment, satisfaction. It doesn't work.

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But what can, you do about this problem of drugs and addiction? The place for each of us to begin with is ourselves. We must seek out just where we are addicted, and move past the denial of that and then actually begin to work with our own problem. Once any of us has taken this step, there are many agencies out there that can be helpful. The granddaddy of them all is AA--Alcoholics Anonymous. They can be reached by calling information and asking the operator for the nearest group; there is one near you. For cocaine addiction, the toll-free 800 number is simply COCAINE.

But you are not into any drug! Great, from AA there are many spinoff groups, beginning with Al-Anon (for partners or friends or children of alcoholics) and Nar-Anon for narcotics addicts and a whole range of others dealing with addictions to sex, food, and almost anything else! But, a call to AA will be a start toward finding an appropriate self-help group. (And, let me say unconditionally, that AA and these many offshoots are clearly and definitely growth, enrichment, and even enlightenment programs. They assist you to a lot more than just kicking your habit; they guide you to a richer and fuller life! I know; I've seen many friends grow through the programs.)

That's the first step--and you will find that it is certainly true of AA, for as you progress in your own recovery, you begin to move to the assisting of others in finding and maintaining their own. Yet, even apart from any "program," your first step remains finding the way out of your own addictive pattern, for only then can you clearly see what any addiction is about and develop the ways to move from being a part of the problem to being the solution.

But suppose (just suppose!) you have no addiction whatsoever--or have completely cleared yourself of any you did have, then what?

You must first recognize that the addict is simply another human being like yourself, and that "there but for the grace of God, go I." He or she cannot be "told" by you or anyone else that there is a problem; only that individual can discover that for himself or herself.. Until that time, the best that you can do is "let go with love," to paraphrase the title of an excellent book on the topic. AA would say that the individual has to "hit bottom" and recognize for him or herself that there is a problem. And, it's not easy to simply stay out of the way and let that happen, when the individual is someone you love. Yet, "telling" or "preaching" only drives the addict further into the addiction.

What else? Well, when that person acknowledges there is a problem, or asks for help, you can refer them to AA or the appropriate group and let them take it from there.

Fair enough. Yet, when you've dealt with your prob-

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lem and know the approach for dealing with that of your friend or friends, what about those kids with guns and crack habits?

Again, until each of us can kick the habit of "things" as a source of satisfaction in life--until we can let go of our admiration for Donald Trump or Ollie North or the Boeskys of the world--until we can drop our own addiction to more bombs or armaments for security and more money or cars or condos or collections of anything--in other words, until we are clear of our own multifold addictions, we will not be able to change the society, for quite simply, the society is us. Only as each of us, individually, stops contributing to the march toward destruction with bombs or exhaustion of ozone or swamping planet earth with garbage--only as we can learn that truly less is more will we begin to find the solution to crack in the classroom or destruction of rain forests--or anything else!

There is a path and there is a way out. It is not through things, but through love. That begins with you and with me. It cannot begin anywhere else.

[For a long SASE, Ralph can provide a list of books and names of some self-help groups. Address him at PO Box 556, Sussex, NJ 07461.]

HORNER'S CORNER

THE LEGAL FORUM

[Editor's Note: This month PATLAR starts a new column by Lee Horner, a California attorney, regarding contemporary issues of general interest. While conventional principles of law will be discussed, PATLAR is not giving legal advice and recommends that its readers consult an attorney of their choice regarding all legal matters. Readers' comments are welcome.]

Who should have a will?

[Part one of two]

In our law practice, we encounter a number of clients having various problems; and one point we always raise is the matter of a will.

I was speaking with a client the other day who had been to one of those "how to avoid probate" seminars and was confident that by placing everything in joint tenancy with his long-term "meaningful other" that no probate would ever be necessary upon his death, that costly attorneys' fees would be saved and his desired beneficiary would get everything. He was particularly pleased that his blood relatives wouldn't get anything.

He was surprised when I told him that this would not necessarily be the case, and that he did, indeed have a will--it was just drafted by someone else without his con-



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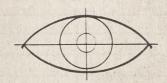
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sent and obviously without his knowledge, and in favor of these relatives whom he hadn't seen in years.

From his response, it was obvious he thought I had either not been listening to him closely, or had just returned from one of those famous three-martini lunches that lawyers always

Here's what I meant. In most states, and certainly here in California where I live and practice law, it is possible for the legal heirs (i.e. parents, estranged spouses, brothers/sisters, etc.) to attack joint-tenancy property and take it away from the surviving joint tenant if it can be shown that there was some sort of irregularity involved or at least that the deceased never intended for the surviving joint tenant to take everything on his death. All a big mistake they'll say. The survivor then has to come into probate court, defend himself or herself at considerable expense, and run the risk of losing everything to the blood relatives--and paying a hefty legal fee to boot.

And what did I mean, anyway, when I said that this client had a will he didn't know about?

Anyone who dies without leaving a will is considered "intestate"; and every state has laws which apply to such situations that, in considerable detail, say who gets the estate.

Those blood relatives who never came around due to a difference of opinion as to lifestyles, for example, are the first ones to show up at death, believe me, and with their hands

And with the joint-tenancy property, they'll fight your survivor to the last dime if it's substantial enough.

Joint tenancy, incidentally, is a way of holding property, such as cars, real estate, bank accounts, etc., which means that the entire asset goes automatically to the survivor in the event of the death of one of the joint tenants. No court, no lawyers, just some forms to fill out and that's it.

The better solution, even for those who do hold everything in joint tenancy, is to have a simple will made up that specifies what your desires are--who is to get what, when, and who shall be the executor of the estate, if you want to name someone.

Then, in the case of an attack on your surviving joint tenant's right to the property in question, this survivor can point to the will, say that if it were probated that he or she would get everything anyway, so why bother going to court? Amazing how that stops the greedy relatives in most cases.

We prepared a will for the client, and his lifemate is coming in later this month for a will of his own.

If the will is properly prepared and witnessed, the relatives have a very difficult time having it set aside. As long as the deceased knew what he or she was doing at the time the will was made, it will stand up. The test is whether you knew at the time you signed the will that you were disposing of your property upon your death.

Unless one is already mentally disabled and under some sort of court-appointed guardianship or there was some undue influence by a beneficiary of the will, it is usually found that the will is valid.

But what does it cost to go the full probate route, anyway? Just how true are all these stories we hear about huge probate expenses and attorneys' fees? Someone says it takes as long as two years to probate a will-is that true? Can't you just give someone a power of attorney to use if you die?

All that will be the subject of next month's article. We'll talk again!

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THE NEXT WAVE

by Douglas N. Lewis

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Is it me or what? It seems like no matter which way I turn or where I go, I'm met with what appears to be the breakdown and dissolution of the American character. It may be because I live in the "attitude" capital of the world--New York City. But I think that what I'm experiencing is something that is, unfortunately, a fact of life in all parts of our society.

I read the papers every day, and I can't believe what I read. People being butchered for the shabbiest of reasons or for no apparent reason whatsoever (drugs, pocket changes, etc.), children being neglected and abused right before our eyes (Lisa Steinberg), political graft and economic greed flaring into bonfires of selfishness and amorality (Donald Trump, Ivan Boesky, etc.), environmental destruction all but ruining our children's future (the eastern seaboard the summer of 1988) and drugs

finding their way into the homes and bodies of people usually buffered from the "realities" of the world. I wonder if what I am seeing is just the mass media bringing all these things into my living room and consciousness, or if American ethical standards and morality are really deteriorating as fast and as pervasively as they appear. I think it's probably a combination of both of those things. We certainly cannot blame the media for our troubles, at least not completely. The proliferation of those new magazine shows (ie., Oprah, Donahue, Geraldo, Sally, A Current Affair, etc. etc.) are only providing what they are convinced the American people want. But do they? Are those Nielsen ratings really an indication that America wants to be inundated with sensationalist subjects, with other people's problems, with the mind-numbing brutality of slick, sleek "you-are-there" journalism? Or is America so bored, so comfortable as to need this hype in order to feel alive?

The "war" on drugs is a case in point. America, in its egotism and blindness, seems to believe that there's a war out there. And certainly the body count indicates something is going on. But it seems we want to blame this war on everybody else but ourselves. We blame the suppliers, the growers and the drug lords who have very simply found a way to make themselves more comfortable and wealthy (the American Dream if ever there was one). The problem is in the demand, not the supply, and any attempt to do battle without taking care of the dissolution of American mores is doomed to failure. Miserable, costly failure.

All this is not to say that there are not good people and positive virtues in America. It is meant to say that somehow, someway, we have turned into an incredibly bored and, therefore, dangerous people. What we won't do for entertainment, to make ourselves more comfortable, regardless of the cost to other people, indeed other nations. We have cheated, cajoled, killed and destroyed just about everything in our paths to be a "better" life. Just witness the travesty of the Shah of Iran, Nicaragua, Wall Street, the AIDS epidemic, the recent negative presidential election and the gradual deterioration of service in many professions. Compared to a lot of the things I've mentioned above, service may not seem like much of a problem, but I think it is just one example of how deeply this breakdown of compassion and concern is in America. How may of us have gone shopping or to a restaurant without running into a person who treats you as if they're doing you a favor by doing what they are being paid to do? That's why I think the problem is deep within the American psyche. It's in all parts of our society, from the sanitation worker who takes no pride in what he is doing, to the President of the United who ignores the law to do his own bidding.

We are being swept away by our very success at making a "better" life. Maybe there's something to the idea that struggle is necessary to improve our lives, and without the struggle, with so many things coming so easily to so many, maybe we are digging ourselves into an amoral black hole. I think the only way out of this predicament is to get back into the struggle. A "kinder, gentler America" is not possible without an America with a vision (not "the vision thing" as our illustrious leader has said), but a real attempt to solve the world's problems knowing full well of the costs and time involved in making these kinds of changes. We can no longer follow our own greed and pleasures while ignoring the starving, the homeless, the hopeless, the dying and the needy. Getting involved will not only help those who directly need it, but it will improve the overall quality of life for all of us. We are not alone, we are not better, we are responsible.







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WHAT A WORLD!

by Nancy Ford



Let it be known that as of this past weekend my Significant Other (SO) and I have been blissfully united in semi-matrimony (or a reasonable facsimile thereof) for the enviable duration of two and one-half years. wi

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Two and one-half years. Thirty months. That translates to fifteen dog years. For most of my contemporaries, two and a half years is a silver anniversary.

But we did it. Two and a half years! That's nine hundred and

forty-some odd days. And nights. Some have been odder than others.

We met during Prime Time (happy hour) at a local night spot. It took no more than a mere half a roll of quarters pumped into the Trivia Whiz video machine to convince me that the impossible had happened: I had met someone I could actually like, Perhaps (Dare I say it?) love in a night club. And we all know the likelihood of this happening. Halley's Comet is a more frequent happenstance. So do as I say, not as I do.

At the time we met, SO and I were both trying to regain our equilibria recovering from previous broken relationships, and were both wary of jumping in again. Initially it's difficult enough just trying to function normally in the world as something more than half of a couple. Shortly after breaking up with my former SO, I was invited to a dinner party. The hostess told me to feel free to bring a date. I brought a whole box of them.

Further, nuclear family fusion hasn't been a snap for either of us. It's been reported that children of divorced parents have an environmentally-produced incapability for emotional commitment to a partner. Both our parents (all four of them, that is) are divorced. Then The Beatles broke up. Then Whami split. We were lucky to be able to commit to an extended play dance mix by Terrence Trent D'Arby.

But that first meeting led to a real date. Then a second. And a third and a fourth and a fifth. Then suddenly we realized we'd known each other for two whole days! Then came the affirmation of the exchange of those five basic human attractions: emotional, intellectual, physical, spiritual, sexual. Their order doesn't matter. Trust me on this one. The important thing is that it all led to the even more important exchange of those three little words: *I love you*...

I love you led to It's silly to pay rent at two apartments which led to This is your apartment. We need to move somewhere3that's ours together.

That led to holidays with the family, and major appliances purchased on revolving credit plans. Enter the dog. Ozzie Nelson isn't dead--he's alive and well and living inside my body.

All this, and heaven too, as the saying goes. All this because of those three little words. And it's taken only thirty months to irreversibly convince me that those three little words are far more desirable to hear than those five little words. No, not I love you very much. I'm talking about those other five little words: Never call me at home.

HOROSCOPES

by Pat Larr, Sci.D.

ARIES (Mar 21-Apr 19): A handsome stranger throws caution to the wind and his legs in the air. This springtime romance is fated to last.

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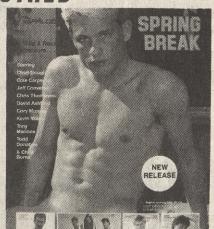


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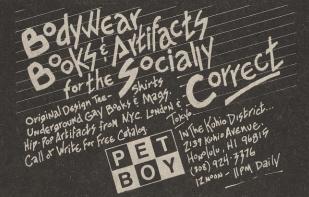
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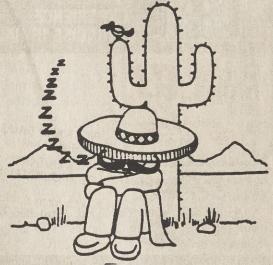
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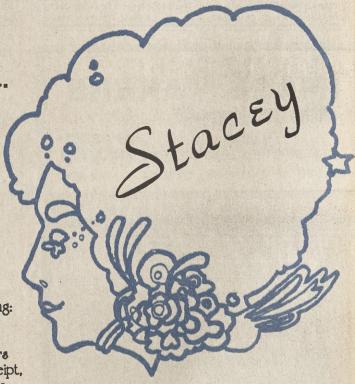
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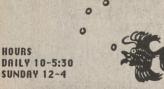
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MODERN MUSIC



I wish to apologize to those readers who missed my column last month. I was rather predisposed with a trip to the "land of the Rising Sun"--Japan. Since I am in the midst of writing a book on the late Emperor Hirohito, I could not pass up the historic event of witnessing his funeral.

This month I will focus

on two new releases from two extraordinary artists: Judy Collins and The Washington Squares.

As far back as my childhood, I can remember the name and voice of Judy Collins as being an important influence on popular music and culture. Her music always consisted of songs which had depth and meaning, something worthwhile to say to the listener and a generation. Times have not changed so much over the past twenty-five years. The world still gets into the same muddles, just the names and the places are different. One aspect has remained true and steadfast over the years, and that is Ms. Collins' ability to turn out consistently great recordings.

Ms. Collins' second release from Gold Castle records is titled SANITY AND GRACE. This release is a ninetrack production recorded live during her 1988 tour season. It is a showcase of Ms. Collins' ability to associate her unique voice with outstanding contemporary material. A few of the most noteworthy tracks include: "History," "Wind Beneath My Wings," "From A Distance," "Sanity and Grace" and "Cats In The Cradle." "Pretty Polly" and "Born To The Breed," two well-noted classics of Ms. Collins' earlier accomplishments, help to round out this current issue. For those who are already Judy Collins fans, you will find this a well-chosen addition to your collection. For those who are not acquainted with the artistry of Judy Collins, this release will be an excellent introduction to one of the world's great singers.

The second release this month from Gold Castle Records features one of today's most acclaimed folk ensembles, The Washington Squares (Tom Goodkind, Bruce Paskov, and Lauren Agnelli). This threesome has taken America's original music of rebellion and geared it for the generation of the 1990s. As singer/guitarist Tom Goodkind puts it, "We continue the folk process; we don't play processed folk." Their new compilation, FAIR AND SQUARE, provides ample and irresistible evidence.

Produced by Steven Soles, FAIR AND SQUARE crackles with intensity and vivid musical pictures, especially on songs like Leonard Cohen's "Everybody Knows." The album's original songs include Agnelli's "La Roue de Fortune" and "Charcol" (inspired by the poetry of William Blake); Goodkind's gospel-flavored

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"Join Together" and "All Over the World," and Paskow's "The Other Side of Sin" and "Neal Cassady," a tribute to the legendary Beat hero.

FAIR AND SQUARE also spotlights several revamped traditional folk classics, such as "My True Love and I," "Fourth Day of July," and two memorable 60s hits, Hamilton Camp's "Pride of Man," made famous by Quicksilver, and the Kingston Trio's "Greenback Dollar." The Square's philosophy is summed up on the album's final track, "All Over the World," which declares that they, and all like-minded progressive people, won't give up until freedom rings . . . all over the world.

"Our music is meant to put people in a positive direction," says Goodkind, "to get people out of their doldrums, to be a catalyst and soundtrack for the new left. It's not whether music can play a role in changing the world, it's that music must play a role." With their voices raised in song and protest, The Washington Squares are helping to show the 1990s the right direction to follow . . I highly recommend this musical map into the next decade. It will undoubtedly become a classic among folk recordings, and will once again generate interest in the genre of American Folk music, as well as being a catalyst for a renewed sense of American social awareness. A recording of true depth and substance. FOUR STARS!

NEW FICTION WRITERS SOUGHT

Alyson Publications, publisher of Shadows of Love: American Gay Fiction, is planning two further anthologies of short fiction. These will include a second anthology of short fiction by gay men, as well as an anthology of short fiction by lesbians. Like Shadows of Love, the books will highlight the work of writers who have not been widely published, although they will not be limited to such writers. The editors are especially hoping to include the work of members of minority groups, and that of writers living outside of the major metropolitan areas.

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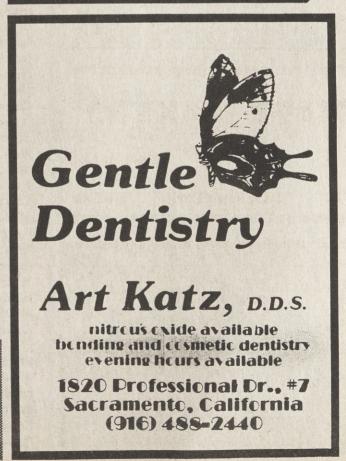
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COFFEE KLATCHES AND CON-GRESSIONAL BATTLES: HRCF ANNOUNCES NEW "HOUSE MEETING" PROJECT

The Human Rights Campaign Fund (HRCF) has launched its House Meeting pilot project, a grassroots organizing program designed to reach, inform and motivate activists and non-activists in gay and lesbian homes nationwide.

House meetings have been used effectively in the past by many causes and groups to organize constituents. The Stop AIDS Project and the Neighbor To Neighbor peace group recently used the concept with considerable success.

A typical house meeting begins with the host inviting friends to his or her home. At the meeting, attendees review local, state or federal issues that affect them. Participants discuss how they can affect government action on AIDS and the battle for lesbian and gay civil rights. An HRCF video is shown at the meetings, which are not designed to be fundraisers. The event is informal, friendly and held in neighborly surroundings.

"House meetings have the potential to reach countless individuals who have never considered themselves activists but who want to influence AIDS policy and fairness for lesbians and gay men," said Steve Endean, HRCF Field Division director.

The house meeting pilot project will initially focus on North Carolina, Illinois, Minnesota, Colorado, Ohio and Georgia. If the project is as successful as anticipated, HRCF will expand it to other parts of the country.

To implement the project, HRCF has retained longtime field organizer and Washington, D.C. lawyer Suellen Lowry. Lowry, sister of former Congressman and gay and lesbian civil rights bill co-sponsor Mike Lowry, is former legislative and political director for the National Abortion Rights Action League (NARAL).

As NARAL's lobbyist in the early eighties, Lowry saw firsthand how house meetings generated constituent pressure by reaching out to non-activists and mobilizing volunteers for future legislative and political campaigns.

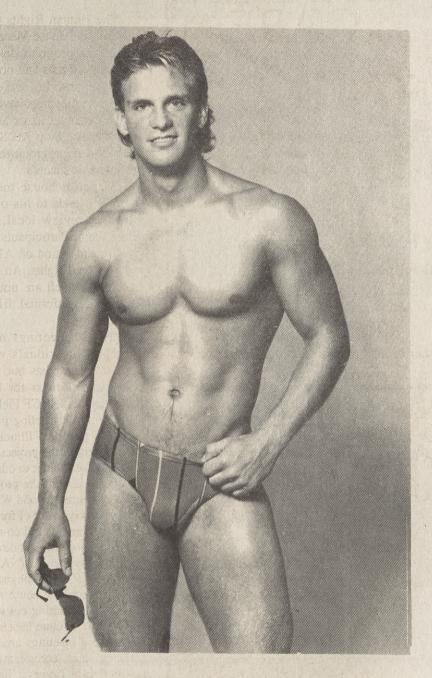
"House meetings are terrific opportunities for personal contact, conversation, awareness building and action," said Lowry. "Federal legislation may seem remote to many of us. But house meetings bring national AIDS policy home and demonstrate how each of us can make a difference."

The House Meeting Program is designed to compliment other HRCF field efforts, including the pre-authorized Speak Out mail program, the 800-number mailgram Action Hotline, in-district constituent lobbying and additional activities.

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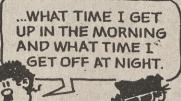
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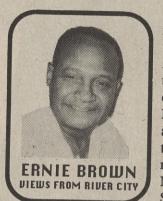


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going to be country western, also with food. Patlar wishes everyone involved the best of luck. Let's all get out and support these new bars, but at the same time let's not forget our faithful oldies . . . There are a lot of things coming up during April in Sacramento. Top of the list is CORONATION-89, to be held at the Turn Verein Hall, April 29. Doors open at 6 PM . . . Oh yesss! The Girls are back. The Weather Girls on April 15. Appearing at FACES. One show only starting at 11:00 PM. \$6 in advance, \$7 at the door. A must. The last time they were here, they brought the house down ... Stacey will be celebrating her (50th?) birthday at the WESTERN on April 13, starting at 8 PM . . . River City MCC has had the good fortune with Sacramento Community Cable Foundation of having their church services changed from Channel 63 to Channel 47. The church services will be on Monday night at 7:30 with repeat telecast Tuesday at 2:30 PM and Wednesday at 9:30 AM. By the time you read this, MCC will be back in their own sanctuary now that the ceiling repairs are completed . . . The Lambda Community Center is offering classes and workshops at present; the general purpose of these classes, which are open to everyone, is for the gay and lesbian community to participate in an atmosphere of fund and entertainment. Subjects include cruising, writers' workshop, coming out, meditation/self-healing, gay film series. For info, contact Bruce at (916) 678-5141 or The Center at (916) 442-0185 . . . Coming soon to "our" community: At JOSEPH'S TOWN & COUNTRY. April 15, Miss Gay Northern California Pageant. May 6, Mr. Gay Northern California All-American Contest. June 3, Miss Gay West Pageant. July 1, Mr.. Gay West All-American Contest. August 5, Ms. California Lady-ofthe-Year Pageant. We all should start preparing now to attend all of these events; the gay/lesbian community will benefit from all the contests since people from other cities and states will be visiting our capitol city. For more info on the above contests, please call Doug Christoff at (916) 448-8656.

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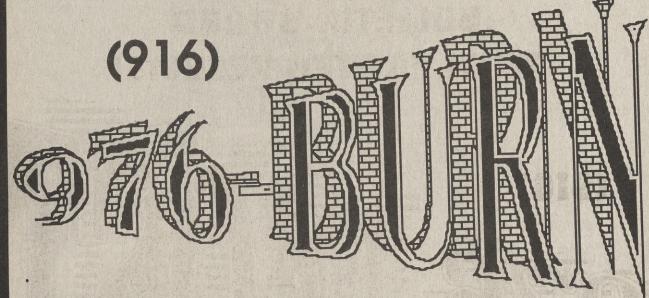
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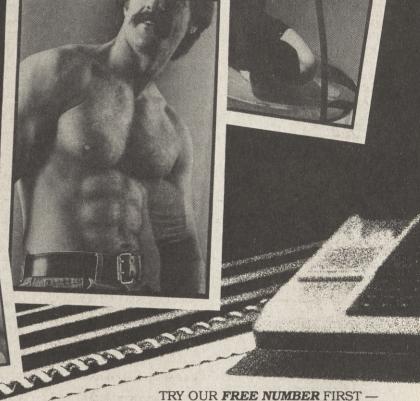
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